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Dear Dr. Henny:

I am writing because I recently learned that the dairy industry has filed a petition to prevent others, especially soymilk producers, from using the word "milk" on their products. Please do not allow this single industry to have an unjustifiable monopoly a term.

My Webster's dictionary defines the word "milk" this way: "a whitish fluid secreted in female animals, serving as nourishment for their young; what resembles milk; white juice of plants". This broad definition needs to be applied to the food industry. In fact, to be totally accurate, the FDA should require the dairy industry to label their product as "cow's milk".

Many products which can have great health benefits to consumers such as, soy, nut, coconut, rice and oat need to be free to use this term for the benefit of marketing their product. The dairy industry's petition is a blatant attempt to hurt the marketing of products they see as competitive to them. Please don't allow another large special interest have their way at the expense of consumers.

Respectfully,



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